

**MAD CRAZE FOR DRESS
BY AMERICAN WOMEN
RUIN OF POOR GIRLS**

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Throughout the discussion of these modern problems which confront social workers there was a strong plea for the aid of God, with an unbounded confidence in self and a determination to live right. The importance of home was emphasized, and as one heard the reports and the discussion which followed it was clear to all that the association is going forward with a tremendous mission of good for all the world.

The most intense interest has been displayed in the proceedings, and the 19th delegates are here from all parts of the country, all listening, learning and anxious to go home with new thoughts and new plans for the betterment of womankind.

Miss Cratty was followed by Miss Ella Schooley, who is in charge of the work that has been intrusted to the Y. W. C. A. by the authorities of the Panama-Pacific Exposition. It is estimated that 200,000 unattached young women will flock to the exposition, and the care of them will be undertaken by the association.

The need for such care is amply shown by the experience of other world expositions, Miss Schooley said, where no provision has been made for the protection of young girls.

The association will provide guards, with a police force in uniform, who will be stationed throughout the exhibition grounds, to give assistance where

Miss Dodge developed the significance of the great national building which was to be erected in New York City, and which typifies the strength and perfection of the organization. Now the stress of development will be upon the development of the individual. Miss Dodge said, and the effort will be to adapt the organization to the girls, rather than to adapt the girls to the organization.

Document Presented by Miss Dodge Deals Frankly
With the Life Problem as Girls of All Classes
Face It—Leisure Girl and Toiler.

This was the keynote of a report of the commission on social morality, presented by Miss Grace H. Dodge, chairman, at the afternoon session of the Young Women's Christian Association of Boston, Monday, May 12. She asserted that it is the duty of the women of to-day to make the highest standard of morality universal, and that the organized facilities of the association should be used for that purpose. She also called for a consideration of the life problem as girls of all classes face it.

The college girl away from home for perhaps the first time, is inclined to misuse her new liberty, either innocently or willfully, because she is where it won't matter. Another danger is that she is inclined to think for herself; her individual judgment is overruled by the mob mind. In the upper-classmen years of responsibility, the woman's college, she generally becomes intensely interested in the fundamental problems of life and seldom leaves college without having acquired a more or less rational knowledge of the laws of sex. But because of her isolation of comparative isolation, her years of comparative isolation, her isolation to life after graduation is often a series of shocks.

A black and white portrait photograph of a woman with short, dark, curly hair. She is wearing a dark, high-collared dress with a light-colored, possibly lace or brooch, detail at the neck. The image is framed by a thick black border.

MRS STEPHEN B. L. PENROSE.

(Photo by Foster.)

MORNING.
Hymn 445, "When Morning Skies" Prayer.
Business. Recommendation of the National Board.
The Association Monthly.
Mary Louise Allen, of New Secretary for the National

secretary for small towns and country work, until recently superintendent of schools in Pike County, Iowa. Hymn 422, "Lead Us, O Father, in the Paths of Peace."
4—Adjournment.

NIGHT.
7:45—Hymn 374, "Crown Him With Many Crowns. Scripture and

SOCIETY WOMEN CENSURED FOR EXTRAVAGANT DRESS

Set Heart-Breaking Pace for Poor Girls, High Standard of Living Also Reducing Number of Marriages—The Evil of Divorce.

diency" at the afternoon session of the Young Women's Christian Association yesterday. She asserted that the decrease of marriage, the scarcity of true homes, and the growing menace of divorce are all attributable to the American mania for spending.

"Who can describe the unhappiness, the actual distress of mind, the disaster, which too often result from the lack of self-control, and the loss of the thoughtless self-gratification of would-be leaders?" In democratic America, where there are no insurmountable class walls, and where the influence from the impact of these extravagant ideas. The youngest and the poorest class is the most helpless. "The social cost of this tendency exists, and we are not at all prepared to do so under serious obligation to do what we can to create wiser social sanctions making for true thrift." The association of extravagance with the idea of opposition to the commonly recognized forms of extravagance and expected from those in sympathy with its ideas, is a mistake. It is not with a sorer standard of expenditure. It would involve intelligent and conscientious apportionment of outlay on personal and household items, a reasonable showing of respectability, including recreation, and a fair and regular deposit on savings account.

President's Daughter Not Accepting Invitations While Convention Is in Session.

Miss Jessie Woodrow Wilson, daughter of President Wilson, and a leader of the National Young Women's Christian Association work, is in Richmond stopping at the Jefferson Hotel, in attendance on the fourth biennial convention. She is giving her time strictly to business during her visit here, and with a single exception, will decline all social invitations. Miss Wilson is thoroughly imbued with the seriousness of her work.

"I have declined all social invitations which people have been kind enough to extend me," she said last night to a reporter for The Times-Dispatch. "Miss Williams's small luncheon party was quite different; she has my college chum."

Luncheon for Miss Wilson.

The affair to which Miss Wilson referred was given yesterday, and conferred her honor by Miss Adele Williams, in her home at 1609 West Avenue, covers being laid for ten persons. Among those present were: Miss Nan Landsey, Mrs. M. C. Branch, Mrs. Arthur S. Krivens, Miss Katharine H. Hawes, Mrs. Lewis C. Williams, Mrs. Mamie Davenport, Mrs. E. Victor Williams and Miss Carlisle Minor.

Long before her distinguished father was nominated, Miss Wilson had carved out a prominent place for herself in the ranks of the Young Women's Christian Association. Her college life will be generally expected that she will encounter difficulties in the shape of social duties at the White House which will interfere with her public spirited work to no little degree. She was generously put aside the new pleasures of society and the White House to give her time and influence in support of the convention in Richmond.

To Deliver an Address.

She will address the convention to-morrow night in St. Paul's Episcopal Church. The subject assigned to her is "What the Association Means to the College Girl." It is expected that the church will be overtaxed to seat the people who desire to see and hear the President's daughter.

Her presence in the Jefferson Hotel has created a natural stir about that place. At this time it is crowded to the roof, like other hotels in the city. As much as possible Miss Wilson remains in her apartments, not caring for the attention she attracts in public. She is devoting herself to the convention with a singularly intense interest, and, notwithstanding her youth, she is being considered as a young woman of her position is generally regarded as a remarkable exhibition of character and high morale. There would be practically no limit to the extent of the entertainment in her honor if she chose to accept it, but she says she declines. A supplementary remark that she did not come here for that purpose.

Judgment Entered.
Judgment was entered yesterday in the Law and Equity Court in the case of J. H. Chappell & Bro. against W. T. Lindsay for \$31.15.

Miss Spencer Comes From London to Discuss Important Topic at Convention.

"The mission of woman is the perpetuation of the race," said Miss Clara Spencer, of London, Eng., general secretary of the World's Young Women's Christian Association, last night. "The perpetuation of the race is particularly the mission and perpetuation of the better thing in the race."

Miss Spencer was selected by the national committee to handle a very difficult subject, "Our generation and Our children." She spoke Monday afternoon. According to her belief, the vocation of the Young Women's Christian Association is to labor earnestly for the betterment of conditions in the physical, of woman's kind in all stations of life. To this the association is committed to the working girl, the college girl, the girl of leisure and the business girl. It is the most effective head of an association embracing the world, spread out over thirty countries of the globe. Her time is employed in traveling from one country to another, supervising the work and laying plans for the extension of the work to new and there, wherever the field looks bright. Miss Spencer is an American by birth, but has spent years in the service of the association. The headquarters of the world's committee are located in London.

Just now Miss Spencer is enthusiastic over the awakening of the Far East and the breaking of the bonds that have bound the people of China, Japan and Korea for centuries. In Turkey she also believes, the condition of the sex will be greatly improved by the Balkan War, and the way opened up for increased operation by the association.

That the anarchistic tactics of the militant wing of the suffrage party in setting back the woman's cause was the opinion voiced to a reporter for The Times-Dispatch last night by Miss Ruth Rouse of Loudoun, England, here a well-known member of the Equal Suffrage League and traveling secretary among the women students of the World's Student Christian Federation.

"The militant wing of the equal suffrage party is exceeding small numerically," she declared, "while the suffrage party itself is large and powerful. As long as the advocates of the vote for women are able to draw to public demonstrations which attract attention to their cause, they

This was the assertion of Mrs. Raymond, who was the wife of the late Jane Addams in settlement work, and the organizer of the Women's Christian Union. She who aroused enthusiasm in an address before the Equal Suffrage League of Virginia at the Madison School, by her eloquent appeal:

women. "We need the vote to protect the women who, worn by long days of hard work, are in constant danger of going dancin' at this night," she said. "Any one who has been there knows that there is a moral danger, in physical fatigue. Many of the working girls of our large cities, who hold themselves high in spite of fatigue and starvation, display heroism of the highest order. But it is shame to the womanhood of the country that heroism should be required of them to maintain their integrity."

Mrs. Robbins gave a vivid description of the conditions under which the people live in the Seventeenth Ward of Chicago, a very poor settlement district, where she has worked for years for eight years. There are 70,000 people of twenty-three different nationalities gathered into an area of less than a square mile. In one instance a room of two parents and nine children live in two rooms, sleeping in and under two double bed room hammocks. There is not sufficient light or air in any of these rooms, the sewage is bad, and running water is obtainable only before 5 o'clock in the morning and after 10 o'clock at night. The milk which is sold in the ward was found to be poisoned with ward maldehyde, and the beef diseased with lump jaw. As a result the death rate among children is seven times as great as, and under relatively primitive conditions she did this without the vote. Now, in the great cities, it is beyond her power. The milk and beef supply, sewage and water rights, are all controlled by the county, which is controlled by politics. Without political power, woman cannot carry on her duties as the housekeeper and home-maker for mankind.

"The woman is unique in that she looks at the question most entirely from the standpoint of the working woman. The woman of wealth and leisure does not need the vote, she says, except to help her less fortunate sisters. The working girl and the immigrant woman want the vote in their battle with conditions."

"In their struggle for betterment, the working women of this country go up against a political rather than an industrial problem," she said.

"As an example of the need for experience in getting the vote law for women workers passed in Illinois. Although backed by 250,000 women, the bill obtained no consideration whatever, because there were no voters back then. The women then applied for help to a men's union, the United Mine Workers, and with their backing the bill was passed."


Mrs. Robbins pleaded the cause of the dependent people with an eloquence that was effective, and was applauded until she arose and spoke a second time.

The life of American girls, at work, at play and at school, will be portrayed in massive effects of color and movement, and told in song and poem, in the presence of the dancing girls, who appear in the guise of fairies who take away their burdens and help them.

The last episode will be that of the foreign work, in which a number of girls in various foreign costumes will take part. After this, the pageanters will march back over the hill singing the closing hymn of the pageant.

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THE JUDGMENT

The audience will be seated upon the western hillside, and nothing will be visible on the eastern slope at first but the orchestra. Then the association spirit appears, dressed in royal blue, and accompanied by four couriers in white. These are followed by the college girls, 600 in number, marching in four abreast. They will be dressed in caps and gowns, and will wear the colors of their college over their shoulders in broad scarfs. Next in the procession are the women of the association, dressed in Lincoln green, wearing liberty caps and carrying flowered sashes. Then come the 200 girls who portray all the phases of womanhood, dressed in white and wearing colored scarfs. Lastly come sixteen girls in various foreign costumes, who represent the missions of the association in the Orient and South America.

All of these figures will stand in a semicircle, forming a background of varied color for the episodes. The performance will be introduced by Miss Lotta Clark, secretary of the American Pageant Association, and who will also have charge of the pageant at the Panama-Pacific Exposition. She will stand near the center of the stage and direct the episodes with the rays

distance of four couriers.


The first portrays the association in college life, and is presented by a group of girls from Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Farmville State Normal, Sweet Briar College and Hollins College. It will consist chiefly in marching and singing songs.

The association work in the country will be portrayed by the girls of the State Normal College, of Greensboro, N. C. The feature of it will be a May-pole dance, in which many brightly dressed figures will take part.

The city work is portrayed in a series of episodes representing all of its phases. In the "city scene" there will be a symbolical water dance by a number of girls dressed in sea green and light blue, and a rhythmic drill. Particularly attractive will be the featured junior episode, in which the service of the association to the children of the cities will be depicted. A crowd of little children will appear, bearing the burdens of their low-

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tion of England. The tactics of the militants, however, have blackened the cause in the public mind, and set back by years the time when equal franchise is to be given the women of Eng-

Miss Rouse was very much of the opinion that conditions surrounding the working girl in Great Britain and in the United States are similar, and that the problems confronting the Young Women's Christian Association in the two countries are of kindred character. She confessed great faith in the college girl, and expressed the conviction that woman is steadily progressing toward the goal of mental and civic equality with man. The mission of the two sexes in life are different, how-

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